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Examiner : Shanon Foley

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TRANSMITTAL FOR RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the October 3, 2001 Restriction Requirement. No fee is believed to be due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

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This responds to the October 3, 2001 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

The pending claims stand subject to restriction into two groups of inventions. Applicants elect without traverse the subject matter claimed in Group I (claims 26-41 and 46) for initial substantive examination.

Applicants make this election expressly without waiver of their right to continue to prosecute and to obtain claims to the non-elected subject matter either in this application or by filing divisional or continuing applications claiming priority and benefit

from this application.

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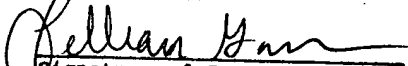
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